



# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Middletown Area School District has recently updated the TMI Emergency Response Plan with the Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency. Parents/Guardians are required to annually provide the District with permission to administer or not to administer the KI pill to their child(ren). The Pennsylvania Department of Health determines if the KI pill should be administered during a radiological emergency.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made Potassium Iodide (KI) pills available free of charge to people who live, work, or attend school within a ten-mile radius of a nuclear facility. KI ("kay-eye") is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in providing an extra layer of protection against thyroid disease, including thyroid cancer, in the event of a release of radioactive iodine. Taken at the time of or within the first few hours following a radiological release, KI will protect the thyroid gland, which is located in the front of the neck.

**PLEASE NOTE: The best protective action in a radiation emergency is evacuation.**

Should such an emergency occur, the media would broadcast official recommendations **from the Department of Health** to the public for protective actions, including the possible use of KI. Most importantly, KI tablets are available at school should a recommendation to take KI occur while school is in session. KI is **not** to be administered to any individual known to be allergic to iodide. Distribution through the school system is being given high priority for the reason that children are much more sensitive to the ill effects of radioactive iodine than are adults.

**KI should NOT be taken by anyone who is allergic to iodide.**

If you have any questions or need more information regarding the school's participation in this program, please call Dr. Chelton Hunter, Assistant to the Superintendent, at 717-948-3300, extension 1008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori A. Suski".

Lori A. Suski, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools